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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING DIVISIONAL APPLICATION OF PARENT APPLICATION SERIAL NO.09/445,776 FILED March 27, 2000 WHICH IS USA PCT National Stage Patent Application PCT/EP98/02901 filed May 16, 1998 Under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

Transmitted herewith for filing is a continuation/divisional patent application of:

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ELECTRICAL PLUG-IN CONNECTION

Enclosed are:

- [X] 10 English pages Abstract, specification, claims; copy of parent application's signed declaration with Power of Attorney (2 pages) with Petition
- [X] One 8.5"x11" size soft sheet 1/1 (Fig. 1) of PCT drawing (attached to application)
- [X] PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (Please enter before calculating claim fees)
- [X] An Assignment of this division application to Mannesmann VDO AG was recorded on Reel/Frame 011224/0581 on 9/19/2000
- [X] IDS and claim of benefit of 35 USC 120: IDS (2 PTO-1449 from parent application) the references are not provided here under 37 CFR 1.98(d) since they were filed in parent Ser. NO.09/445,776 relied on for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120, THE BENEFIT OF 35 USC 120 BEING HEREBY CLAIMED.

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- [X] CLAIM IS HEREBY MADE OF THE BENEFIT OF THE FILING DATE OF THE German Patent Application 197 24 336.3 filed June 10, 1997 UNDER 35 USC 119.
- [X] The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees which may be due, or credit any excess to Account No. 06-0105

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